

English forces, then will she be content for some to
stay, but not
all

16th September A PROCLAMATION AGAINST
SUPPLYING THE
KING OF SPAIN WITH CORN

* For as much as it is manifestly seen to all the
world how it
hath pleased Almighty God of His most singular
favour to have
taken this Our Realm into his special protection
these many
years, even from the beginning of Our reign, in the
midst of the
troubled estate of all other kingdoms next
adjoining, with a
special preservation of Our own person, as next
under his
Almightmess, supreme Governor of the same,
against any
malicious and violent attempts —'

It is commanded that no corn or grain nor any
ordnance of
brass or iron be carried to any foreign countries
without special
licence upon pain that the owner and master of
the vessel so
offending be committed to close prison for a year
and further
until they have answered fines to the quadruple
value of the
goods earned And because this year there is
such plenty of
corn it is likely that some of the people near the
sea coasts will
desire to vent some part of the corn of their own
growing for
lack of sale in the country Principal persons of
wealth are
advised and earnestly required to buy in the
markets near the
sea coasts such quantities of grain as the owners
should be con-
strained to sell for their necessity, and to keep it in
store to serve
the markets in the latter end of the year

This proclamation is very necessary because
though the King
of Spam hath abundance of treasure by his Indian
mines yet his
own country is greatly wanting in victual,
especially of corn and
of munitions of war, and of manners, and other
furniture for his
navy. He hath attempted to corrupt some of the
Queen's

subjects and some strangers inhabiting the realm
to satisfy his
wants either directly by stealth to his own country,
or indirectly
and colourably first to some other countries
next adjacent
to his

^|5*t September* A SECRET MARRIAGE

The Queen hath for some time been highly
displeased with
Mr Thomas Shirley, son of Sir Thomas Shirley, her
Majesty's
Treasurer for the wars in the Low Countries,
for that he